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FOR NEA DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR PBOR XF LE
SUBJ: AMIN AL-HAFEZ AND STATEMENT RE PALESTINIANS

REF: STATE 39671, BEIRUT 1185

1. AS YOU WILL HAVE NOTED FROM OUR REFTTEL, BOUTROS IS VERY INTERESTED IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT PALESTINIANS REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 OR STATE 039671. HE ASKED ME AGAIN THIS MORNING WHETHER AMIN AL-HAFEZ'S VERSION OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH ATHERTON WAS CORRECT. I SAID IT WAS, EXCEPT THAT ATHERTON HAD CAUTIONED THAT ANY SUCH STATEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE EXAMINED WITH THE SECRETARY AND WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SITUATION IN THE AREA, ETC.

2. BOUTROS SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS, AND HE WOULD LIKE US TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A STATEMENT WITH THE SECRETARY. WE COULD THEN DISCUSS TIMING BECAUSE LEBANESE THEMSELVES HAVE SOME CONCERNS IN THAT RESPECT.

3. AM SCHEDULED SEE SARKIS MORNING OF MARCH 9.
ANYTHING YOU CAN GIVE ME ON SUBJECT BEFORE THEN WOULD BE
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APPRECIATED. I REALIZE THAT TIME IS TOO SHORT, HOWEVER,
AND IF YOU HAVE NOTHING FOR ME BY THEN I WILL UNDERSTAND.
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